

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 13, 2024

Present: Supervisors: *Alex Wait, Dale Leer, Keith Miller, Dean Rink*; Associates: *Tom Kercher, Tom Perry*; Staff: *Jim Hess, Lora Atkins, Todd Clark, Jenna Wait*.

Absent: Supervisors: Darrell Shover; Associates: David Bontrager, Gary Kauffman; Elkhart County Surveyor: Phil Barker; ISDA Support Specialist: Heath Hurst; District Support Specialist: Sandra Hoffarth.

The board meeting was called to order by Alex Wait at 5:30 pm.

The July 15, 2024, board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Miller/Rink*

Agency Reports:

NRCS:

Not in attendance

ISDA:

Not in attendance

County Surveyor:

Not in attendance

Extension:

Not in attendance

District Business:

*Pay Dirt IN-Field: August 22nd Jenna sent out an email today – Vendors will be setting up on August 21st . Todd and Jim went over what was sent out in the email, the soil health trailer has been confirmed and CCH credits will be available.

*Annual Meeting Dates: February 4th or 6th is our dates, the board gave Lora J Weaver Barn/Meadow Brook/South Gate Crossing to contact to see if they are available and what their prices are.

*Native Plant Sale: We have 7 orders, 2 weeks before our deadline on July 26th.

*SWAMP Projects: There is nothing new that has come in.

*General Permit Updates: Fairfield Community Schools Site Improvements – Activity Center, NIPSCO (Menges Ditech Lines).

*Education Updates: Walden/Green Day @ the Fair/IMN Class is dine for this year...

*2025 Fair we will have a booth in the Commercial Bldg in partnership with City of Elkhart and City of Goshen.

Financial Business:

The vehicle log was signed.

The Gateway Reports have been uploaded and reviewed by the Board.

The monthly financial reports were approved on a motion by *Miller/Rink*

Claims for the following were signed: Alpha Nurseries, Inc (\$360.00 – 2025 Tree Sale Deposit); Engel’s Nursery, Inc. (\$1,135.00 – 2025 Tree Sale Deposit)); Steve Sass (\$150.00 – IMN Class Speaker); INterra Credit Union (\$645.31 – Postage/Office Supplies/Subscriptions/Special Projects); INterra Credit Union (\$46.89 – 2024 IMN Supplies/Boost Native Plant Sale/Boost Pay Dirt IN-Field); Jenna Wait (\$16.32 – 2024 IMN Class Supplies/Food for class).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM *Leer/Miller*

Next Board Meeting: September 16, 2024 - 5:30 pm
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Alex Wait

SWCD Board Vice Chairman
Darrell Shover

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Dale Leer

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Recording Secretary
Lora L Atkins